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b. I engaged [ ] in a lengthy discussion about von Mende's "Forschungsdien st Osteuropa" and his relationship with von Mende. Since these questions were posed pursuant to a Headquarters inquiry and since the information needs therefore to be reported in a dispatch soon, I will not go into detail here. It is clear, however, that [ ], while somewhat suspicious of von Mende's alleged multifarious intelligence connections and activities, thinks quite highly of von Mende's personality and his competence in Eastern problems. It is also clear that [ ] positive reaction to von Mende personally is at least in part due to von Mende's staunch support of [ ] while the latter was in trouble. [ ] also mentioned the fact that von Mende has at various times invited him to visit his offices in Duesseldorf but that he has consistently turned these down, because he does not want his relationship with von Mende to go beyond the business aspect.

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